

Idaho TechConnect has been instrumental in providing small high tech business entrepreneurs with development assistance, and facilities and services to assess the progress and direction of their business expansion. The partnerships with industry and higher education provide these ventures with inspiration, innovation, outside experience and consultation from those in academia as well as the established and thriving high tech industry in Idaho.

Sharing resources, whether intellectual or tangible, provides outcomes that are productive and long lasting. The people and organizations involved with Idaho TechConnect are to be commended on their commitment to our State's economy and by extension, communities and families. This tremendous honor by SBA is most certainly well deserved.●

#### LARAMIE HIGH SCHOOL AND THE CAPITOL HILL CHALLENGE

● Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the efforts of Natasha Olsonawski, a teacher at Laramie High School in Laramie, WY, along with Traci Gardner and Cassandra Shotkoski, both Laramie High School seniors graduating this month. All three participated in the Capitol Hill Challenge, a nationwide stock market game to test participants' knowledge of our financial markets and ability to save and invest wisely. I am proud to say that the team from Laramie High School finished seventh in this national competition, and first among Western states.

Under the direction of Mrs. Olsonawski, Traci and Cassandra studied financial statements and newspaper articles to create a winning investment strategy. More importantly, they gained valuable experience about personal finance that will be useful throughout their lives. As an accountant, I understand the importance of knowing how to balance a checkbook, establish a good credit record, and achieve a secure financial future. It is encouraging to know that our nation's young people are learning these skills too, and using them in their daily lives.

I congratulate the team from Laramie for their hard work. I also wish Traci and Cassandra good luck in their future endeavors.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF SOUTH LAUREL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I honor the Laurel High School's Boys Basketball Team for winning the Kentucky High School Athletic Association State Championship on March 19, 2005. As you may know, winning a State high school championship is no small feat. A great number of teams have to be defeated before any team even gets into the playoff. Once in the playoff that team is able to prove deci-

sively whether or not they are the champions.

I am proud to say that South Laurel High School's Boys Basketball Team proved themselves the champions. This accomplishment took hard work, focus, patience, and team spirit. It is important that all our young people learn these qualities. And I would like to point out that in winning the State championship, they have not only attained a trophy, but more importantly, they have developed characteristics that will always be of help to them later on.

Winning a State championship is a great athletic achievement. I want the boys of this team to be proud of themselves, as I am proud of them. They have done well. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Boys Basketball Team of South Laurel High School, and I encourage them to keep up the good work.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and two treaties which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. LEACH of Iowa, Co-Chairman, Mr. DREIER of California, Mr. WOLF of Virginia, Mr. PITTS of Pennsylvania, and Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2142. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notification of Registered Vessels of Their Assignments for the A Season Atka Mackerel Fishery in Harvest Limit Area (HLA) 542 and/or 543 of the Aleutian Islands Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Manage-

ment Area (BSAI)" received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2143. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Directed Fishing for Atka Mackerel with Gears Other than Jig in the Eastern Aleutian District (Area 541) and the Bering Sea Subarea of the BSAI Management Area and Announcement of the Opening and Closure Dates of the First and Second Directed Fisheries Within the Harvest Limit Area in Statistical Areas 542 and 543" received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2144. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Commercial Run-Around Gillnet Fishery for Gulf Group King Mackerel in the Southern Florida West Coast Subzone" received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2145. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Annual Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments; Corrections" received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2146. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closing Deep-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2147. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibiting Directed Fishing for Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processor Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2148. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reallocation of Pacific Cod from Vessels Using Jig Gear to Catcher Vessels Less than 60 Feet (18.3 meters) Length Overall Using Pot or Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2149. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, received on May 4, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2150. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, received on May 4, 2005; to the